



Portable Ramps at Entrances in Prior Code Buildingsⁱ

As of January 1, 2020 all building owners that currently utilize a portable ramp or plan to utilize a portable ramp at an inaccessible entrance must either comply with the requirements for ramps outlined in the NYC Building Code or submit a waiver application to NYC Department of Buildings.

Note: only buildings in existence or constructed under a lawful building permit that was issued prior to July 1, 2008 (referred to as a "Prior Code Building") are allowed to utilize portable ramps. Buildings constructed after July 1, 2008 are required to provide accessible entrances.

Ramp Requirements

Running Slope - 1:12 (8.33%) **Note**, if rise is 6 inches or less slope can increase to 1:10 and if rise is 3 inches or less slope can increase to 1:8

Cross Slope - 1:48 (2%)

Clear width - 36 inches minimum (measured between handrails where provided)

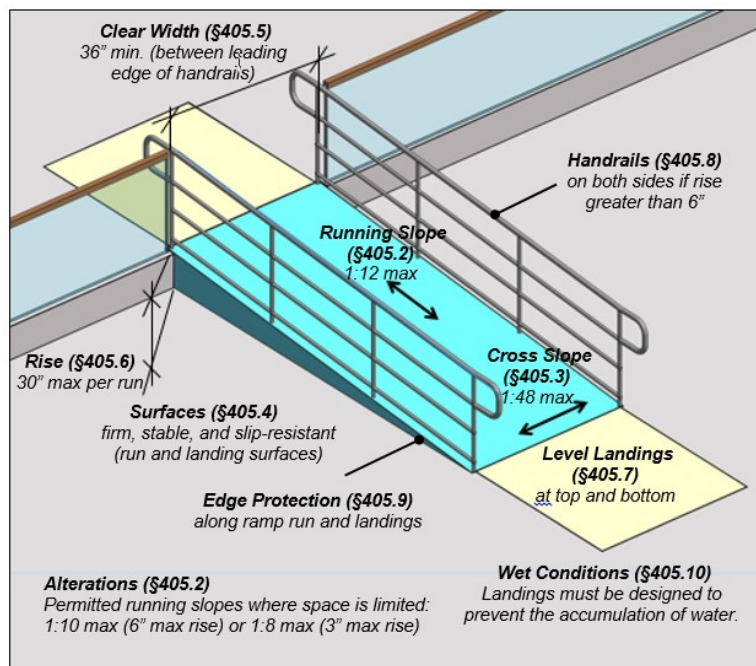
Handrails - Handrails are required on both sides of ramps with a rise greater than 6 inches

Handrail height - Handrails must be mounted 34 – 38 inches above surface of ramp

Handrail extensions - 12 inch extensions must be provided at top and bottom of ramp

Edge protection - Edge protection along ramp runs must be provided curbs, barriers, or extended surfaces

Landings - Level landings are required at the top and bottom of each run (maximum ramp run is 30 feet)



Waivers

The NYC Department of Buildings with recommendation from MOPD may waive one or more of the requirements for portable ramps in prior code buildings if safety is not adversely affected. Waivers must be in writing and must state each requirement for a ramp that is seeking a waiver.

Signage Requirement

By March 1, 2020 signs must be posted at inaccessible building entrances where portable ramps are permitted and available stating a portable ramp is available and provide a telephone number a person can call to request the portable ramp be put in place.



This Local Law applies to all business owners that are currently using a portable ramp for people with disabilities to access the entity. Therefore, all building owners currently utilizing portable ramps must determine if the ramp complies with the NYC Building Code and if not, must either submit a waiver request or remove the portable ramp and provide permanent access.

ⁱ Local Law 122 of 2019